Establishment of power generating centres in Kolar

2265. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total commissioning cost of East-South Inter-connector-II, transmission system (Talcher-Kolar HVDC bipole) to evaluate 2000 MW of power from Talcher-II generating project to Kolar in Southern India; and

(b) what will be the cost difference in transportation of coal from coalfields situated in Eastern and Central India to Kolar in Southern India as compared to Talcher in the East in case the power generating centres were to be established around Kolar instead of Talcher?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The scheme for East-South Inter-connector-II (Talcher-Kolar HVDC bipole) was approved at an estimated cost of Rs. 3865.61 crores (2nd quarter 1998 price level). The anticipated completion cost of the East-South Inter-connector-II transmission system (Talcher-Kolar HVDC bipole) is Rs. 2998.32 crore.

(b) The basic cost of E-Grade coal and transportation cost by rail (as per Rail Freight Table dated 25.6.2002) to Kolar for coal from Talcher and Central Collieries are as indicated below:—

Cost of E-Grade Coal and Rail Freight to Kolar from

	M/s. MCL, Talcher (Rs./ton)	M/s. Central Colliery Ltd. (Rs./ton)
Basic Cost:	465.00	559.00
Royalty	70.00	70.00
Taxes and duties	56.24	60.00
Total	**591.24**	**689.00**
Transportation cost of coal by rail as per Rail Freight Table Dated 25.6.2002	1142.00	1260.00